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The TECI and TWWI Board regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 6:30 p.m.

Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

Manager's Column

Current diversion, also known as power theft, is the criminal practice of stealing power. Theft of power services is not just illegal – it is dangerous and can have fatal consequences!



Carrie Durden
Board President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

Power theft creates a safety hazard for the public and Talquin Electric employees. There is no safe way to steal power. Over the years, we have seen some very creative ways in which Members have diverted power or damaged meters, resulting in inaccurate readings.

On average, we encounter 26 power diversions each year. Talquin always works with law enforcement to ensure thieves are held responsible for their criminal actions. Under Section 812.14 of the Florida Statutes, someone convicted of power theft can be fined \$1,000 or up to three times the cost of the electricity stolen. They can also face up to one year in prison and/or probation.

Theft of electricity is not a victimless crime. The cost of the stolen power and any necessary repairs to damaged equipment is absorbed by the Cooperative. Therefore, our Members pay for the stolen electricity. The theft of electricity affects all of Talquin's Members. When someone steals electricity, they are really stealing from their fellow Members – neighbors, family, and friends.

Talquin works hard to minimize the impact of theft on our Members. In addition to our servicemen that regularly service meters, digital meters have been installed throughout our service territory. These advanced meters have the ability to detect tampering and alert personnel. Each meter has been outfitted with a warning label that discloses this information.

As a Member, if you suspect someone is stealing power, you can report it anonymously on our website or by calling 850-627-7651.

Honor Flight



If you have heard about Honor Flight, you know what an amazing program it is. If you have not, you need to learn more. Honor Flight Tallahassee was established in 2012 to bring the program to the North Florida and South Georgia area. This program's mission is to take veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices, all at no cost to the

veteran! Priority is given to heroes with the most seniority, survivors of WWII, and any veteran with a terminal illness who wishes to visit their memorial.

On May 20th, we had the honor and privilege of attending the celebration of these heroes before they boarded their early morning flight and when they got home. One of those heroes was OUR Member, John Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan could not understand why he was being treated like royalty, and we

simply stated "Because to us...you are." Not all of these veterans received a proper welcome when they returned home from serving their country, but on the day of the Honor Flight, they were shown appreciation and gratitude from everyone in attendance. Each and every one of them is a true American Hero.

To learn more about the Honor Flight, visit www.honorflighttallahassee.org.

Shining Star

Concern for Community is one of Talquin Electric's seven cooperative principles. This month's Shining Star and 2016 Youth Tour alumnus, Craig Mitchell, is a real example of what it means to give back to your community. Craig recently graduated from Leon High School, and this fall he will be attending Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to major in Business Finance, with a minor in Journalism. Craig hopes to get his MBA in four years using his incoming credits and plans to stay highly involved in extra-curricular activities. He has aspirations of starting his own Minority Empowerment Network, to help bring comfort to those who continue to suf-



fer from inequality and societal injustices. His dream is to unite the people by igniting a movement that promotes prosperity and peace amongst the community. While pursuing his dream, he wants to continue expanding his non-profit organization, R.E.A.L (Respect Empowerment Academics and Leadership), that empowers students

to achieve their dreams with hard work and faith. Craig shared this quote when he won Leon County's Best & Brightest Award in the Business category, "We live in a world where fame and money are so important," he said. "But what is fame and money when you have families still struggling? What is fame and money when you have communities still suffering?" He shared that community service has taught him to always be humble and grateful and keep a pure passion. Fame and money are going to run out, but the impact you make on people will never fade. Needless to say, we are very proud of Craig and cannot wait to see what he accomplishes in the years to come. Congratulations, Craig Mitchell, and keep your passion and faith!!!!

VOLUNTARY MEMBER ENROLLMENT
TO DONATE TO THE TALQUIN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



Member Name _____

Electric Account Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Option 1: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin), I authorize Talquin to add \$ _____ per month to my bill to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP).

Option 2: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin), I authorize Talquin to round-up my monthly utility account(s) each month to the nearest whole dollar amount, with the added sum to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP). In the event my monthly account(s) display(s) a credit, then the credit due will be rounded down to the nearest dollar, and the funds retained will be donated to TAP. I understand that the funds I donate each month will be used by Talquin for charitable purposes which will primarily focus on assisting other Talquin Members who cannot pay their utility bill. I understand that, should the total amount of donations exceed this charitable purpose, the excess donations may be used for such other charitable purposes as are approved by the Board and reported to the Membership.

I understand that participation in TAP is voluntary. I also understand that this is an on-going agreement, and that I must notify Talquin Electric Cooperative if I choose to discontinue my participation in this voluntary program, and that the processing of a termination request may take up to thirty days. I also understand that any donations I make to TAP are non-refundable.

I understand that Talquin may utilize third party agencies (for example, Capital Area Community Action, and/or Salvation Army) to handle disbursements of TAP funds to Members. Members who seek assistance under TAP may be referred to these third party agencies for screening, and any person so referred will be screened on the basis of that agency's criteria. Members seeking assistance will not be required to be contributing to TAP.

I understand that contributions to this program are not tax deductible, and that Talquin will not publish the names of Members who contribute; however, overall program statistics and benefits of the program may be reported to the Membership at least annually.

Signature _____

Date: _____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT OR TO ANY TALQUIN MEMBER SERVICE OFFICE. YOU MAY CONTACT US AT ANY TIME TO ENROLL IN THIS PROGRAM.

Youth Tour 2017

Students from all over the country journey to Washington, D.C., each year to learn about electric cooperatives and how decisions made at our nation's capital affect us all.



Co-ops from the GREAT state of Florida sent 39 students, and four of those were representing Talquin Electric Co-op!!



Pictured above left to right: Christie Salters, Leon High; Melanie Clark, Leon High; Zachary Karpinski, Maclay School; and Emilee Straughn, Homeschool

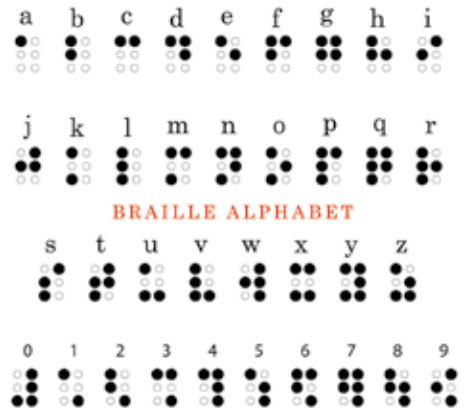
Water Tip

Step on your grass. If it springs right up, it doesn't need water. If it lies flat, it's time to bring out the hose.

*wateruseitwisely.com



Braille Billing Statements



Know a Talquin Member that could benefit from having their Talquin billing statements in Braille? Talquin has partnered with Lighthouse of the Big Bend to offer this new service to our Members. Contact any Talquin Member Service office for more details!

Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Increase

Effective August 1, 2017, Talquin Electric Cooperative will adjust the Wholesale Power Cost rate from a credit of $-\$0.0060$ to a credit of $-\$0.0030$ resulting in an overall increase of 3 mills. Members who use 1,000 kWh per month will see an increase of \$3.00 in their monthly bill. Water and wastewater rates will not be affected by the WPCA change.

trading post

Miscellaneous

Handyman/Carpentry, painting, flooring, minor plumbing, woodworking, remodel, and much more. 25+ yrs exp. with excellent references. 878-4444/566-5318. Reasonable rates.

Workshop 35'x 12' complete with work benches, pegboard, power, window A/C and some tools. Ready to move. 556-7873

4 Deluxe Companion Mausoleum Crypts located at MeadowWood Memorial Park, 700 Timberlane Road, Tallahassee, FL 32312, for sale at \$9,000 ea. 539-9568

Frigidaire Electric Stove, white, smooth top, perfect condition. \$250 OBO. Will text pictures upon request. 264-0184

Honey DO List Guy - I do all kinds of work - both inside & outside your home. I can do 95% of all needed work myself - jack of all trades. Please call and let's get started on your list. 933-1105

Handy Man: On social security but need work to help. I am a jack of all master of none. Will give a honest day's work for honest pay. 574-0026

Two Cemetery Plots: side-by-side plots; Culley's Meadowwood Memorial Park; Prime plots in the Peace Garden, Section 1: 5 and 6; \$5,999 for both; 556-1697

Antique Singer sewing machine. 1922, carrying case. Works. \$100. 545-8863

Cemetery Plot: MeadowWood, Timberlane Road - Veteran Garden, Block 150, Lot C, Grave 1 - \$4,000 OBO (currently sell for \$5,595) - 229-251-5510

Elliptical Trainer, Cardio Zone E-CZ300, like new condition. Paid \$1,300 new, will sell for \$800 OBO. 661-9728

Professional Female Caregiver with many years for men, women, or infirm of any age. References/background check. 728-2600

4 Cemetery Plots, Abbey Memory Gardens & Funeral Home, Garden of the Apostles, lot No 2, spaces 1-2-3-4. \$1,200 ea. 421-1792 or pphen-drick@yahoo.com

Automotive

2000 Ford F-250 XLT for sale, 4x4 4 door crew cab, Short bed 73L diesel, 165,000 miles, 4" lift 33" all terrain tires, 4,5" magnaflow exhaust, \$14,000. 491-0604

2003 class A Monoco motorhome, was special order, has everything. Triple slides, 15,000 miles, garage kept. Call for other details. \$45,000. firm, 933-5183

2016 Harley Davidson Road Glide Special, 2500 miles, \$10,000 in extras. Asking \$27,500. 445-4645 for more info or pictures.

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)
- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or e-mail to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

2001 Crown Vic loaded ac, power windows, power seats, cd player, excellent condition, new tires. Only driven by women. 539-7572

2014 CanAm Side-by-side 4x4 Showroom New, 33 hours, Never in mud or water. \$14,500. 509-2225

Classic 26' GMC 1977 Motorhome. Very clean and good shape, has been reconditioned, a collectable. \$7,500. 926-5018

Real Estate

Pasture or vacant land wanted to lease for cattle. 10+ acres ideal. Get cash for unused ground. Long or short term. Fenced and near Lake Talquin a plus, but not required. 491-1433

Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, \$550/mo. Ideal for a young family or couple, who like the rural life. Collins Rd. 1, Havana, Available July 1. 539-9044

Lake Tallavana Lot: 1 Acre lot located off easement in gated community. Must sell, asking \$5,000 Call 510-0432

Franklin NC Mountain Cabin: 3/2 sleeps 8. All King beds plus bonus-Queen. Large Deck w/ Views, Hiking, Rafting, Waterfalls. Nightly and weekly rates. Email: coopercabin1@gmail.com or call 321-2503

Farm/Garden

Armadillo traps. Humane, 2 - door, pressure treated wood construction. Pre-scented. No bait or funneling required. \$70 850 668-1368 SAVE THIS AD

Marine

KAYAKS Two 9' sit-in fishing kayaks, gear \$450, \$250 separate. Selling for health reasons. 4X6 utility/kayak trailer \$300. 325-660-0103

Wanted

15 Passenger/cargo extended 350-360 1 ton van; metal - older - vacuums canister & Hoover upright; refrigerator, freezer in good condition. 879-5509

Energy Tip

Walking on certain flooring materials feels cooler than others. For example, a stone floor is a good conductor of heat, so when touching it you are transferring warmth to it, which makes you feel cooler. Removing area rugs from tile or wood floors will give you a similar effect as a stone floor.

*mclifetulsa.com



Watts Happening

Leon County Senior Outreach:

Explore “Lunch and Learn” to stay connected

No reservations needed to join the fun. Each event is from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 891-4065 for more information.

- August 3** Miccosukee Community Center
- August 9** Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
- August 10** Woodville Community Center
- August 15** Fort Braden Community Center

Talk with Talquin: Join us for some face-to-face discussions between our Members and TEC staff in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. Hear from industry experts possessing many years of experience in the cooperative utility business model and receive favorable solutions. Come and enter to win a \$50 gift card!

Thursday, July 18 (noon - 1 pm)

Gadsden County Public Library
732 S. Pat Thomas Parkway – Quincy

Thursday, July 20 (1 pm – 2 pm)

Myra Jean Restaurant
2669 Crawfordville Hwy - Crawfordville

Thursday, July 27 (9 am – 10 am)

T&P Discount Foods
18193 NE State Rd 65 - Hosford

Thursday, August 3 (9 am – 10 am)

Country Kitchen
5810 N Monroe St #192 - Tallahassee

Night Prowl at Tallahassee Museum:

Enjoy a guided tour at the Tallahassee Museum and learn about the night life along the Florida Wildlife Trail. \$9 members/\$12 non-members

Saturday, August 5 (7 pm – 8:30 pm)

3945 Museum Dr - Tallahassee

Member of the Month

Fourth of July, America’s Independence Day, is celebrated by Americans around the world each year. We celebrate and remember those who fought and died to free our country. We celebrate to honor those heroes who have continued to fight for our freedom for over two hundred years. One of those heroes is Talquin Member John Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan is an American that exemplifies what our great nation is all about – diversity and integrity. Born in Brooklyn, New York, after his pregnant mother and father moved to the United States from Ireland; Mr. Sullivan was raised in Spanish Harlem. He attended Catholic school, boxed from age six with the Police Athletic League, and grew up on the streets of New York. At the early age of 15, Mr. Sullivan ran off to the United States Maritime Service, which later led to a 20 year career in the United States Navy. The majority of those years were spent with the Marines, where he served with the medevac unit as a Hospital Corpsman Chief Petty Officer. During this time, Mr. Sullivan earned the Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts in Vietnam. His



Vietnam veteran status earned him a seat on the Tallahassee Honor Flight last month, which is where we met and were able to get to know Mr. Sullivan. We are honored that he is OUR Member, and we are thankful for Mr. Sullivan and all the other veterans who have served our country!

Red, White and Blue Bruschetta

- 1 loaf Italian bread**
- 1 1/2 cup grape tomatoes chopped in half**
- 3/4 cup blueberries**
- 1 tsp olive oil, plus 1/4 cup**
- 3/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled**
- 1 clove garlic**
- black pepper to taste**

Preheat oven to broil.

Slice bread into 1/2 inch thick slices. Lightly brush both sides of the slices of bread with olive oil. Place on a baking sheet and bake for 7 to 10 mins or until golden brown. Remove from oven and rub one side of bread with garlic. Allow to cool before topping.



Mix tomatoes, blueberries, 1 tsp olive oil, feta cheese and black pepper together in a bowl. Place a spoonful onto each slice and enjoy!

*Jehan Can Cook



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 report your outage quickly and to
 receive outage information.

Re-cap of the 2017 Annual Meeting

Just another day at the office for Talquin Water Services Coordinator, Jacqueline Noyes, and her daughter! ▶

Talquin Member and Talquin retiree, Jack Peacock, calling prizes for the last time. We will miss you Jack! ▼



▶ Liberty County Show Choir putting on a show for our Members.

◀ Talquin Members having fun winning prizes.



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